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PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Ends From the Reporter's Note Book.

While about her work Monday morning, Mrs. Hannah Goldsmith struck her "crazy-bone" against the sharp edge of the cupboard and fainted. Through the prompt efforts of her daughter Mame she was resuscitated, but she has not yet wakened.

We have on our desk a sample of the ore from the farm of Daniel Covatt, Esq., of Thompson township. The Squire has about twenty-five tons out, and we are informed that he expects to make shipment this week. The ore has been leased on some of the neighboring farms. The report that the vein is found on the east side of the Ridge seems to be incorrect.

We received by mail on Tuesday flour for a mess of buckwheat cakes from Will Peck's new mill at Gem. This mill is a commendable enterprise, and will be a great convenience to the farmers in that region. Will is a genius; and it would not be surprising to hear of his having added an attachment by which buckwheat flour from the bushel may be thrown into the hopper, and hot spongy cakes come out into the bin by the hundred, already dripping with butter and honey.

McN. Johnston, of the U. S. Census Bureau, at Washington City, D. C., in a letter to T. J. Thompson of this place, says: "We have been having much more comfortable weather for about a month, and considerable rain. I hope Fulton county got her share of the rain, to help the pasture, and put the ground in good order for the balance of the seeding, that is to be done. I see by the paper that Magsam's Addition is growing. McConnellsbury will present quite a different appearance soon."

Mr. George Wilds Sloan and Miss Helen May Kelsey, both of Buffalo, N. Y., were united in marriage in that city on Wednesday of last week. After spending a few days in New York, the happy couple came to McConnellsbury and are visiting the brothers and sisters of the groom in this place. Mr. Sloan has been in Buffalo about a dozen years, and is one of the city's prosperous business men. Mr. Sloan will return to Buffalo the last of this week, and will enter at once upon the stern duties of housekeeping.

A few months ago James S. Shaffer, formerly of Akersville, purchased the mill at Locust Grove in Whips Cove, and set about repairing and improving it. After much hard work and the expenditure of a considerable sum of hard cash, he has the satisfaction now of knowing that he is in a position to please all who favor him with their patronage. A 20-horse power steam engine has been put in; so that, rain or shine, the mill will run just the same. James is a practical miller, and a good all-around farmer, and his enterprise will be a great convenience to the good people of that cove.

Local Institute.

Second local institute in Thompson township was held at West View October 12. Questions discussed: 1. To what extent should memory work be carried on in primary school?—opened by A. C. Truax, followed by H. S. Sharp, Miss L. M. Fisher, Prof. B. N. Palmer and others. 2. How best to arouse a lazy or idle pupil in his studies—thoroughly discussed by all the teachers present. Some very practical work was given by Prof. Palmer. 3. How best to teach self reliance—discussed by all teachers present. 4. How would you explain decimals to pupils who had no knowledge of them—opened by Miss L. M. Fisher. A large number of parents were present.

FULTON COUNTY PEOPLE.

MONTGOMERY.—At the family residence, in Springfield, Ill., on Tuesday of last week, Asa Montgomery died, aged 78 years and 8 months. Mr. Montgomery was an old citizen of Springfield, and his death will be mourned by his friends. He was born in Maryland and was well known by the older people of Hancock. He visited here about four years ago. The deceased was very wealthy. —Hancock Times.

LANEHART.—Abner Lanehart died September 28, 1900, at the home of Dennis Hull, Franklin Mills, at the advanced age of 78 years, and was laid to his resting place in Cedar Grove Cemetery on Sunday, funeral services being conducted by Rev. James R. Logue, of the Christian denomination, of which the deceased was a member. Mr. Lanehart is the last of very large family of sisters and brothers. Their father, Frederick Lanehart, came to this country and settled at the foot of Sideling Hill on the property now owned by Andrew Mellett. He was from the state of New Jersey and was of Hessian descent and taken prisoner by Gen. Washington at Trenton. —Hancock Star.

MANN.—David Mann, aged 89 years, died and was buried on the farm once owned by him in Washington county, near the Fulton county line, and known as the Pool graveyard. It is a bend in Sideling Hill Creek and called the horseshoe bend. He is the father of a family of 22 children, being married twice. Mr. Mann was born on the farm at Franklin Mills and now owned by William F. Golden, his father being John Mann, commonly called "Jackey Mann."

Mr. Mann, after his marriage to Miss Mary A. Betsey, commenced keeping house on the farm now owned by J. H. Lewis, where many of his children were born. After this he removed to Ohio and lived there awhile, returning he settled in Buck Valley and thence in Maryland. He was a man of great physical strength and a constitution that few people possess. —Hancock Star.

John Shaffer Hurt.

Last Saturday as John Shaffer, president of the Tod township school board, was returning from a meeting of the board at McGovern's school house, and while riding along the Cove road between Mrs. E. C. Trout's lane and Ralph Reed's, the mule that he was riding shied suddenly at a pile of stones, which caused the saddle girth to break, and threw Mr. Shaffer violently to the ground, breaking his collar bone and bruising his face painfully. Doctors Dabey and Garthwaite rendered the necessary surgical aid, and Mr. Shaffer was sent to his home later in the evening.

BETHLEHEM.

Mr. D. A. Gillis spent part of Sunday at D. G. Elvey's. Mr. Lincoln Dishong and two little boys spent Saturday and Sunday with the family of Mr. George Gress.

There was an institute at Scott's school house last Friday evening.

Luther Fix now sings, "A charge to keep I have"—it is a boy.

On last Saturday Mr. John Shaffer rode one mule to town and called on Dr. Mosser and back home in the forenoon. After dinner he rode over to Douglas school house, and on his way from the school house, he was so proud over his grandson he fell off his mule and broke his collar bone and cut his face badly, and in the evening rode home in the buggy behind "old Kate." Thus it took three mules to carry grandpa around on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Mellett were in town Wednesday.

Henry Brannan Writes an Interesting Letter on the Meadowgrounds.

The following letter written by a former resident of the Meadowgrounds, throws more light on the history of the little valley.

METAL, PA.,

October 7, 1900.

EDITOR FULTON COUNTY NEWS.

Dear Sir—In reading your valuable paper of October 4th I was interested in the article headed, "The Meadowgrounds." The fact is that a part of my boyhood was spent in that small valley; and the realing of the article in your paper brought this part of my life vividly to mind.

My father, William Brannan, moved from Franklin county to the Meadowgrounds on the first day of April 1853. I was then about 11 or 12 years old. My sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Stoutteagle, who now resides in McConnellsbury, was then about fifteen or sixteen years of age.

We moved to the lower farm then owned by Elias Brumbaugh, and lived there from the spring of 1853 to the spring of 1857. We then moved into the Cove near McConnellsbury and lived there until the spring of 1860. The upper farm was then owned by H. Easton, of Fort Loudon, and occupied by William Harris, who moved there in the spring of 1851. Mr. Harris moved to this farm from Parnells Knob, near Fort Loudon, where he had resided for about twenty years.

I well remember the woollen factory. In the spring of 1853, a man by the name of Ashwell with his family moved into this building, living there from spring till fall, then moving away. In the spring of 1854, a man by the name of John McKinney moved into this building and lived in it about two months. This Mr. McKinney was or claimed to be, a preacher, and one Sabbath while living there he held preaching services in this building. I was one of his hearers. He moved from there into Licking Creek valley. The two families mentioned are the only families that lived in the Meadowgrounds during the time I lived there, except that of Mr. Harris, who lived there for several years after we moved away.

The saw mill mentioned in your article was then in good running order, and with this mill Mr. Harris and his two sons John and Asa did considerable sawing. The Meadowgrounds is favored with abundance of excellent water—sand springs being numerous. When I lived there excellent pine timber was quite plenty on the Brumbaugh farm. Pasturage was good, rattle snakes plenty. John Ray, father of the writer of the article in your paper, moved to the Meadowgrounds from Path Valley, Franklin county. He owned a property there consisting of probably some 75 acres, situated near what is now known as Richmond Furnace railroad station. This property is still known as the Ray property. As far as I know no one has lived on it since Mr. Ray left it in 1830.

Before we moved to the Brumbaugh farm it was occupied by John Woodall. Mr. Woodall lived upon this farm I believe about 12 years. William Harris had this farm rented during the year of 1857. Adam Deshong lived on this farm during the year 1858. Adam Deshong was the father of Abram Deshong, the present incumbent.

McConnellsbury has greatly improved since I left the Cove—the buildings are much finer and far more business is transacted.

HENRY BRANNAN.

J. K. Johnston added much to the appearance of his property last week by putting down a nice brick pavement. His neighbor Samuel Bender preceded him a few days. Let the good work go on until the ladies may be able to traverse our sidewalks in wet weather without gum boots.

LESLIE STUNKARD KILLED.

Mr. Leslie Stunkard, aged 21 years, 1 month, and 12 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Stunkard, near Hustontown, was killed in Allegheny City and buried at New Grenada.

The facts as we have been able to get them are as follows: Leslie with his brother, has been employed in the Westinghouse works at Pittsburg for about a year. Last Thursday morning he complained of not feeling well and told his brother that he would not work that day. About one o'clock Friday morning his lifeless body was found on a railroad track in Allegheny by a policeman.

His head was terribly crushed, and both feet were cut off. How he met his tragic death is not, and may never be known. He may have been run down by a train; or he may have been the victim of foul play, and his body placed on the track to hide suspicion. He was a young man of temperate habits, and good character and the fact that no money was found about his remains—in fact nothing except a letter from a friend by which his body was identified—makes the latter view of the case seem not improbable. His body was at once sent to the morgue. His foreman at the works, noticed his death in the Friday morning papers, and acquainted Leslie's brother, and they two went to the morgue and identified his body.

The remains of the unfortunate young man was brought to the home of his brother-in-law Geo. W. Barnett, near Waterfall on Saturday, and interred at New Grenada on Sunday.

This is the second of Taylor's young men to be killed at Pittsburg within a year, the other being that of Sherman Anderson.

NEEDMORE.

Mr. David Evans, who has been quite ill for some time, was able to attend church Sunday.

Mr. D. A. Arnold, of West Virginia, spent a week visiting friends in this vicinity.

The Baptist Association held at this place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, was largely attended. Quite a number of people from the counties of Bedford and Huntington were present.

Mrs. George Geinger and son Watson were visiting Mrs. Geinger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Shafer, on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Jehu Madden, one of the directors of the Huntington county almshouse, was in attendance at the Baptist Association. Mr. Madden is well informed about the workings of his county and it is a pleasure to talk with him.

Mr. D. V. Sipes, the toll-gate keeper west of McConnellsbury, was visiting friends in this community during the meeting.

Mr. B. A. Mellott has begun to quarry and haul lime stone. Bennett is one of our hustling young farmers and makes things go.

Mr. Charlie Mellott and wife were visiting Mrs. Mellott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Truax, on Sunday.

Mr. Wesley McKee is going to have a well bored on his lot on East Liberty. A. C. Truax is the contractor.

Dr. J. S. Swartzwelder was manipulating the farm wagon the first of the week. He seems to swing on the lines with an old time grace, but his team was unaccustomed to a "pill wagon" so heavy.

The school had been in progress one month on Friday last. Thirty-seven pupils have been enrolled.

Mr. Thompson Peck, of Emmaville, spent several days in this vicinity recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Woollet of the Washington House in this place entertained a half hundred or more of their friends very delightfully last Thursday evening.

Jud Palmer Back in Chicago.

Although not written for publication, the following will be interesting to the pupils and friends of the writer.

"I have returned to the city after spending my vacation traveling over this beautiful state.

"This has been a fine season and the wonderful crops of both broom corn and Indian corn are immense.

"People, in general, are happy; and as long as they are receiving 50 cents a bushel for their Indian corn, and from \$100.00 to \$150.00 per ton for broom corn, they care but little who shall be the next president; for their crops do grow, and they wax wealthy withal.

"The black soil about which people who wade through it complain so much, is full of fat for their pockets.

"The green fountains of corn plays over hundreds of acres; and the Illinoisan (or Sucker) who at other times wears old soldiers clothes with brass buttons and hand-me-down, starches his collars and suffers virtuously in his neck, while his wife visits her mother in silk that is covered with gores and ruffles and biases, the rustle of all which may be heard half way across the state. During the last trip I made through central Illinois before returning to the city, I found the farmers taking care of their broom-corn, which I dare say would be a rarity for many Fulton county people.

"I would like to write you much more of the interesting features with which I came in contact, but want of time forbids."

SALUVA.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mellott and children of Clearfield, are visiting Mr. Mellott's parents Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Mellott.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Minnick, of Evert, spent a few days with friends at this place last week.

Mrs. Harris, spent Saturday, with friends at Fort Littleton.

Miss Anna Speer, is visiting friends at Burnt Cabins.

Rev. Seifert, is spending the week in Chambersburg where he will take his first examination.

Miss Anna Mann of McConnellsbury, was the guest of Mrs. E. R. Austin, for a few days the last of the week.

The average attendance of our school for the first month was nine out of an enrollment of fifteen. This state of affairs certainly, shows a lack of interest on the part of the patrons. We know the teacher is not to blame.

Mrs. Miles Hann and two sons, who had been visiting relatives at this place left for their home at Dennison Texas, Thursday.

Mrs. Harry Edwards and daughter Marion, of Enid, were the guests of Mrs. Speer's family the first of this week.

THOMPSON.

Mrs. Eli M. Funk spent several days at Needmore last week.

Among our sick people are Margaret Truax, Millie Lynch, Betsy Pittman, Nettie Peck, and five members of Daniel B. Snyder's family.

P. P. Shives is in Baltimore on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Rev. Seifert will begin special services at the Mt. Zion church on the evening of the 4th proximo.

Squire and Mrs. Daniel Covatt were the guests of John Gordon's family Sunday. The Squire feels confident that he has the precious metal on his farm. The excitement over the prospects of valuable mineral deposits has led many persons to drop everything else and prospect for gold. The women complain that the men do not have time to keep wood cut for the kitchen-fire. If reports are correct we have in this township valuable deposits of gold, silver, iron, paint, graphite, and many other things too numerous to mention.

HUNTING SEASON OPEN.

Bright and early Monday morning the woods was full of sportsmen who had waited patiently for the season to come in; and pop—bang! was heard whenever one went near the woods. The success attending the hunters was varied—running from a chipmunk to a possum—every one getting something even if only a pair of tired legs.

Printers Frank Sheely and Alvin Sipes claim to have brought in the greatest number of partridges. We are sorry we cannot say just how many.

Linn Alexander and John Helman each got a wild turkey; and Bill Myers and his brother, and two young fellows from the Little Cove, bagged five wild turkeys. J. K. Johnston came in before noon with five gray squirrels, and—well that is as far as we have heard. Buzz Sowers and Wiltie Mellott had a little experience that they will likely remember.

They were both hunting for turkeys in the same piece of woods, but neither knew of the other's presence. Both were calling. Each heard what he supposed was a big gobbler, and each stole up on the other for a shot. Mellott was the first to get a glimpse of his game and quickly fired. Sowers feeling the sting of shot in his face and body, started to run, when Mellott let him have the other barrel. Fortunately the distance was so great that but little mischief was done, and the "shooter" was as greatly scared as the "shootee" when he found that his gobbler also carried a gun.

The moral is: Don't shoot until you know what you are shooting at.

Lightning Rod Swindlers.

From Echo-Plot (Greencastle)

An agent offered to put a lightning rod on the barn of Samuel R. Fritz, near Ringgold for \$5, claiming that it was one of four samples to be erected in each county of Maryland, simply as an advertisement, the regular price being 67c per foot. The rods were put up in the absence of Mr. Fritz in an imperfect manner. In a few days two men came, one of whom professed to be a lawyer, to collect the money. It then developed that the contract called for the rods to be erected at 67c per foot, which amounted to \$70.

AMARANTH.

Dr. J. M. McKibbin and family will attend the fair at Hagers-town this week.

Joseph Crawford of Everett was in our valley last week visiting friends and relatives Joseph's tongue is ever ready to respond to the action of the brain.

Mrs. James Rhea and daughter Bertha spent Tuesday with Mrs. Daniel Hebrer who is quite sick—caused by falling down a pair of stairs some time ago.

Charley Spade who has been employed in Johnstown for the past two months returned home Monday.

Martin True, spent last week with his daughter Mrs. Jos. Snyder of Capon W. Va.

Dr. R. W. McKibbin of McConnellsbury was in the valley last week on business.

Mrs. Mary Fisher, son Harry, and babe of Brunswick Md. are the guests of John Spade and family at present.

Ed Smith, and wife visited relatives near Robinsonville Saturday and Sunday.

Gilbert Mellott, of Franklin Mills, passed through this place enroute to see his best girl near Purcell recently.

Mrs. D. A. Mellott, son Corder and daughter Jessie attended the Association held at the Sideling Hill Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

We received this week a few fresh ripe raspberries just taken from a bush in the garden of Mrs. T. J. Thompson.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. G. Reiser is visited friends in Shippensburg during the past week.

Mrs. George W. Reiser is visiting her parents in Philadelphia.

David Bishop and Michael Mellott went to Franklin county Monday.

Mrs. W. S. Clevenger is visiting her sister, Mrs. Cora Shue, at Shirleysburg.

S. L. Simpson, one of Thompson's teachers, spent last Saturday in McConnellsbury.

Mrs. Lucy Fisher and Miss Lyda Peck, of Gem, spent last Thursday at McConnellsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Dunlap, near town, spent from Saturday until Monday with friends in Wells Valley.

Mrs. M. R. Shaffner left last Saturday for a visit among friends in Philadelphia and Chester county.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fraker, of Taylor township, were the guests of T. J. Thompson's family on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kirk, and their little son Harold, spent last Thursday night in town with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Kirk.

Mr. and Mrs. George Garner went over last Saturday and staid till Monday with Mr. Garner's brother at Welsh Run.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Grissinger, of Saltho, spent part of the past week with Mrs. Grissinger's mother, Mrs. Philip Ott.

Hon. and Mrs. W. Scott Alexander and their daughter, Maria Dickson, are spending a week with friends in Philadelphia.

Andrew Daniels and wife, of Paw-nell Rock, Barton county, Kansas, were visiting friends in Whips Cove last week.

C. B. Stevens, of this place, spent Tuesday and Wednesday among his friends and patrons in the upper end of the county.

Miss Gertrude Hoke, primary teacher at Akersville, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of her father and sister in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cooper, near town, and their little daughter Ruth left Monday morning for a visit among friends in Kansas.

Mrs. J. B. Booth and daughter Pearl, after a two weeks' visit to her sister, Mrs. W. B. Karns, of Everett, returned to her home on Monday.

Mrs. Ann C. Troupe, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. M. Kendall, in the Cove, returned to her home in Philadelphia, last week.

Messrs. Merrill and Wilson Nace, and Misses Mary Skinner and Lois Caldwell, went over to Mercersburg last Saturday to see the foot-ball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Truax of Belfast, and their daughter-in-law Mrs. G. J. Mellott and her little son Cecil, of Robinsonville, Bedford county, spent last Friday in town.

Mr. James Steach who had been visiting his daughter Mrs. George Bishop in Thompson township a couple of weeks spent Monday at home, and returned for another week.

Miss Ella Mellott and Messrs. Lorenzo Truax, and Levi Morton are Belfast teachers who attended the institute at Miss Stella Bard's school at Webster Mills last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bricker, of Katesville, spent a few days on this side of the mountain the past week visiting Mrs. Bricker's sisters, Mrs. W. J. Cline near Burnt Cabins, and Mrs. Davie Rinedollar near this place.

After the enjoyment of a two weeks' honeymoon at Niagara Falls, Rochester, Watkin Glen, and Gettysburg, Dr. Ed Smith and his bride returned to this place Monday evening, and the doctor is again busy with his practice.

Our old friend Daniel Shives, of Belfast called to see us while in town last week. He says Kirk can thresh buckwheat with a flail with as much skill as if he made his living at it, and Nesbit, well, he would not want a better hand to cut Hungarian.

Mrs. Josephine Logan, and daughter, Mrs. Alice McCauslin, after spending two weeks with friends in this place and the Cove, returned to their home at Narberth last Saturday. Davy Logan is a night clerk at the office of the Philadelphia Inquirer, and Daniel is assistant postmaster at Overbrook.

Mr. E. W. Kirk, of Greensburg Pa. formerly a resident of Hustontown, called at the News office while in town one day last week. Mr. Kirk, was in business in Greensburg several years, when, his health failed, he went on the road, and is now traveling salesman for Calvin Atwell Co., wholesale grocers Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hill, of Pigeon Cove, were in McConnellsbury last Friday. Mr. Hill said he expected to leave with his family on Tuesday of this week for a two or three weeks visit in the West. They will visit Mrs. Hill's brother, George A. Hess, at Pine Village Indiana, and Mr. Hill's brothers Moses and Aaron, at Blue Mound, Illinois.